MICHAEL A. CRAWFORTH,

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Sunderland,
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SR3 3TA.
England.

Tel. 0783 - 281209.

Vice Chairman of ISASC: Editor of Equilibrium.

Dear Eric, 13 Jan 81

Many thanks for your letter and the Mombasa coin. Actually, I do have two of these already, so I hope you don't mind if I return it to you.

You didn't tell us about your coin museum – it sounds a marvellous project. I have one or two interesting bits of paper ephemera about coin scales and counterfeiters (see attached list). Would xerox copies be of interest for display in the museum? I hope you will be plugging ISASC somewhere in the museum!

I don't think there is much hope of getting you a 7s knobbed weight. I have needed about 5 of them for six or seven years and haven't found one spare yet.

Tying scale cords is straight forward, but fiddly because the things are so small. I usually get Deana to help, as three or four hands make life a lot easier. Instructions are on the attached sheet.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Michael

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

3 March 81

Dear Eric,

I am publishing George Mallis' article 'The Collecting Experience' which first appeared in the Numismatist in May 1980. I have permission from George and the ANA to do this, but I understand that the illustrations of Old, Middle and New Tenor notes are yours. Please could I have your permission to use them in Equilibrium?

On the assumption that this will be O.K., please would you be kind enough to drop a line directly to the Editor of the Numismatist, N. Neil Harris, and ask him to send me prints, as requested in my letter of 15 Feb 1981.

I would be grateful if you could do this quickly as time is marching on relative to my dead-line.

If, for some reason, this arrangement is not O.K., please would you let me know as soon as possible.

Best regards,

Michael

P.S. Neil Harris' letter is a bit ambiguous, so if you have the negatives for the illustrations, would it be possible for me to borrow them to get prints made the same size as published in The Numismatist.

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 12, 1981

Mr. Neil Harris, Editor
The Numismatist
P. O. Box 2366
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Neil:

My friend, Michael Crawforth, of England, is the editor of a publication called Equilibrium. He indicates that he has your permission to publish material from The Numismatist written by George Mallis. He has asked me to drop you a line approving the use of illustrations used in one of the books I have written. I am glad to cooperate. He feels that you have prints of the items requested and it would be most helpful if you could forward to him copies of those prints. I do not have the negatives as many of these items are by xerography. I presume that either you or George Mallis made the illustrations from my book Early Paper Money of America, so one of you would have the negatives.

Please do everything you can to cooperate promptly with Michael Crawforth as he is devoted to publishing and is an excellent researcher. Let me know if I can be of any further help.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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cc: Mr. Michael Crawforth

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M.A. Crawford
31 Park Tea East Herrington
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Dear Mr. Crawford;

Having received a permission letter from Eric P. Newman dated March 12, 1981, I am pleased to enclose the three negatives you requested relative to the article by George Mallis that was featured in the May 1980 issue of The Numismatist.

You will note that these were shot directly from Eric's book, Early Paper Money of America and I hope they will suffice for your use also.

There is no hurry for the return of the enclosed . . . do so at your convenience. If I can be of further assistance let me know.

Sincerely,

N. Neil Harris
Editor
THE NUMISMATIST

NNH:mjm

cc: Eric P. Newman

ISASC

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

27 May '81

Dear Eric,

Many thanks for your prompt help in obtaining the loan of illustrations of Old Tenor from the ANS. These duly arrived and have been incorporated in Geo Mallis' article.

The subscription to the Ornithology mag. was sent within a few days of your letter arriving, and the amount deducted from your deposit in my account.

I bought an interesting sovereign rocker recently, made by Mills. Apart from being a different style from usual, square weight & platters, it has grain weights supplied! The user is instructed to place the weights on the centre of the coin to determine underweight discrepancies.

Best regards,

Michael

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Vice-Chairman of ISASC: Editor of Equilibrium

Dear Eric,

4 OCT 80

Here is your scale, now fully restored. The other one is still some way off completion due to the extensive work required and to my over-full programme. I will get it to you as soon as I can.

Did you get my letter about the latest Coin Changer I have for you?

Regards

Michael

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M. A Crawforth
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East Herrington, Sunderland
Tyne & Wear R3 3TA England

5 April 1982

Dear Michael:

It has been a long span since I have written you. Evelyn & I are fine and think of you, Diane & the boys often. We are planning a trip to Yemen this spring and I'll look for scales there naturally. I am sure you are adding to your collection as always.

My present desire is to bring back my two changers which you have been nice enough to keep for me. My daughter and her husband will be in London from 5 May 1982 to 9 May 1982 and have agreed to hand carry them to America. What I would like you to do is to wrap them so nothing rattles and so that they are reasonably protected. I suggest two packages. Tape around or across any glass usually protects substantially as you may know. It is usually best to tie them up instead of taping them closed as customs might wish to look in.

Please try to find a friend between now and 5 May who is going to London and who will take them to

Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb, Intl
99 Bishopsgate
London EC 2M 3XD

Attention: Stephen W. Bershad
Hold for: Peter J. Solomon

Any taxi or other expense in London I will pay to the kind person who does this.

If it cannot be done perhaps you know a better way. Please write me whatever you arrange.

Also please use some of my money to pay £12.50 to Intl Bureau for Suppression of Counterfeit Coins
P.O Box 4 QN London W1A 4QN.

Your editorship of Equilibrium is still a delight intellectually and you must realize we recognize that it's a major accomplishment. I hope your book has sold well and that the review of it I wrote was of some help.

Our very best to you

Gus

Sales Invoice

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April 19th 1980.

From DENNIS LEE
HOME OF ANTIQUES
104-106 HIGH STREET,
TEL 84459 HARTLEPOOL
V.A.T. Regd. No. V.A.T. Reg. No. 170 3645 76

To Mr. Crawforth
31, Park Lea East Herrington
Sunderland

	£
J 1923	
1 Sovereign changer	285 00
Paid cheque with thanks Vera Lee	
Terms	
Tax Point	% V.A.T.
19	TOTAL £ 285 00

July 21, 1982

6450 Cecil Ave
St Louis, Mo 63105 U.S.A.

Michael Crawforth

Dear Michael:

Tonight I opened the packages which I picked up in New York from my daughter's home and there they were — the Ell changer and the Quintill — both in the condition you sent them. Thank you for the care in packing and sending them to London. Evelyn likes them as much as I do. They will now be treated to keys if I can look into the locks to find a combination of prongs which will work. I sincerely appreciate your acquiring them for me.

I still have the Mexican coin weight scales on it. This is for you whenever someone goes to England for me or if I go.

My museum has been open for 1 1/4 years now and seems to please the public. 2 cases are sledge hammer proof so they say. One case has scales of all types for coin weighing and testing. Another case has changers and counters. Two cases have books, the balance coins & currency.

I hope we can straighten out our accounts so you can buy for me again. The prices have slipped downward on coin items and many dealers are financially embarrassed. This is true of all art and antiquities because so many bought it as a speculation and found out that the prices can go down as well as up.

Please correct my calculations if they are in error.

Credits		Charges		
Apr 1980	£ 290	Apr 1980	Ell changer	£ 285
Oct 1980	291.19	Aug 1980	Quintill	80
	£ 581.19	Apr 1981	Delivery to London	1.5
		Apr 1981	Bureau for Suppression of Counterfeit Coin	12.50
			British Ornithologists Union	?
			Insurance on packages to London	?
			Postage, etc.	?

Please send £24 to Royal Numismatic Society, British Museum 24
London WC1B 3DG for the account of Peter Gaspar for books.

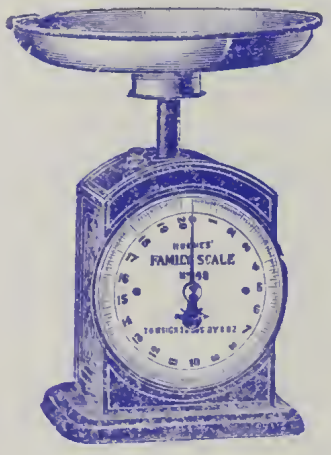
You are to receive all interest on the money on deposit and I hope that has been enough to cover your nuisance with me. Please tell me if you receive at least 10% per year or else I will want you to take more. I'll send more if you spend more.

I still want you to feel free to buy for me a 30" wide Cox till in good order (I have 4 others of different style) with racks for coins on both sides for not more than £200; a shark skin boy coin scale; a ray skin boy coin scale; any other scale for coins you think I should have, etc. Even if I buy a duplicate it won't bother me. Naturally I presume you will take care of your collecting needs first. I still need a 7sh coin weight for one scale.

Diane, We will call Lady Di from now on. Have the boys left home yet or are they still eating that good cooking? We think of you often with everything that happens from the strikes, to the Falklands. Our world is going crazy with wars, terror, mass marches, swindles, drugs and intrigue. Isn't it nice to have an absorbing interest in something nice like scales, writing, research and responsibility at work.

Our very best to you.

Ernie



24 April '82

Dear Eric,

Thanks for your letter and further kind comments about EQM.

I have been unable to find anyone going to London at the right time who can carry two largish packages and deliver them. So, I have arranged for them to be taken by Security Express, who make special journeys from the N.E. to London and will collect and deliver. The charge will be about £15. I will also insure the changers, but I don't yet know the cost. I hope this meets with your approval ~ it is cheaper than me taking them (I can't spare the time from work, anyway) and safer than public transport.

I will also send the moneys to the Bureau for Suppression of C/F. coins, as requested.

Best wishes.

Michael

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5 Sep '82

Dear Eric,

A quick note to say that I have sent £24 to the British Numis. Soc. for Peter Jaspar, as requested.

The current state of account is as follows:-

After purchase of ELL & Quicktell, + expenses.	£211 - 19
Brit. Com. U.	9 - 12
	202 - 07
I. B.S. Co Coins.	12 - 50
	139 - 57
Security Express, London.	14 - 70
	174 - 27
Post & petrol.	2 - 00
	172 - 87
Jaspar account	24 - 17
	148 - 70
Bank charges	51
	£148 - 19

I haven't seen a shark skin box for sale for a couple of years, now. (its the same as ray-skin, to me). No 7s weights either, for me or you, but we keep looking.

Don't bother to keep the Mexican coin ~ I have one already, thanks.

Regards,

Michael

P.S. Hope you fixed up to get the Cox till. We tried to place a deposit but the dealer was not interested.

ISASC

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

September 10, 1982

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

We have recently learned of a forthcoming auction that should be of interest to our members. It will be held in Essen, West Germany, on November 24, 1982.

The auction will include money scales, weights, and books on weights and measures. Those of you who purchased a catalogue for a comparable auction in May of 1981 are undoubtedly aware of the high quality of the scales and weights offered by this particular auction firm, as well as the illustrated catalogue itself.

The price in Europe of the auction catalogue (text in German) is 30 deutschmarks. For all other countries, 40 DM (air mail).

If you are interested, send your order and remittance to:

Karla W. Schenk-Behrens
Moltkeplatz 23
D-4300 Essen
WEST GERMANY

20 North Wacker Drive • Chicago, IL 60606 • U.S.A.

SPINNER Letterhead

12 May 1983

MR MICHAEL A. CRAWFORTH

Dear Michael:

It has been so long since I have written you that I am glad to have the opportunity. I hope you and your lovely family are thriving. Evelyn + I are working and keeping up our projects and avocations with full vigor.

I recently acquired a copper sheet engraved with some scrip issues of the St Louis post office. The scrip was circulated in 1819. The sheet or plate was engraved in New York City. On the back of the plate which is not engraved is a stamping from a die. It reads:

T. LARGE - JUNR
LITTLE-NEW - ST
(????) LANE

There is no Little New Street in New York, Boston or Philadelphia. There is one in London.

Is there a London directory or business list from the 1816, 1817, or 1818 period which will give any detail about T. Large, Junior. He obviously was able to roll copper sheets for engraving very well and exported them to engravers in America and elsewhere. I also cannot read what Lane his address is but it must be next to Little New Street unless he had two places of business.

Would you know someone who could look this up for me, I would be very appreciative.

My kindest regards,

Eric

14 th Aug

Eric/

On a flying visit to Bermondsey last Friday, I saw a Cox till, best price £165. Didn't know if its the one you want, couldn't carry it (too heavy & too many other things). Tried to reserve with deposit, but no go.

If you want it you must get one of your London contacts to do the deal and the handling.

Details overleaf Michael

Crawforth

6/13/83

Dear Michael

Would you be nice enough to deposit this £32.42 to my account. I am hoping you can find something for me to buy, but there is no rush.

Evelyn joins me in sending you and your family our best

Sincerely

Eric

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20 June '83

Dear Eric,

Please excuse me if I return your cheque. It is embarassing having your money in my account, especially when we are not seeing much, these days. We have not forgotten your interests.

The enclosed advertisements were in a book I borrowed from a local dealer, to get Xerox's of scale makers ads, etc. When doing them I noticed the tills.

Best wishes,

Michael

Michael A. CRAWFORTH. 31, Park Lea, Sunderland, SR3 3TA, England. Tel. 0783 - 281209

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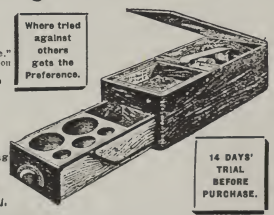

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

November 29, 1983

Mr. Michael A. Crawforth
31 Park Lea
Sunderland SR3 3TA
England

Dear Michael:

I hope things are going well with you and your family. Your work on Equilibrium continues to be fascinating and I, for one, appreciate its quality and depth. I continue to write on numismatic subjects and enjoy it thoroughly.

I was able to find Little New Street in London and to solve the source of a copper plate made there in 1818 for the engraved plate for some St. Louis money. I was in London for a brief period on the way to and from Oman. I found for you (if you don't have it) a second variety of Zanzibar copper coin with a scale. I also found an 1833 East India Co. copper of 1 pie. If you do not already have these, I'll send whatever you don't have. Rubbings enclosed.

I purchased a routine scale at Baldwins and asked them to send it to you to fix the elevator mechanism. I would appreciate it if you could do so. I hope it is not a nuisance for you, but hope it can be quickly done with your super skill. Please mail it to me when you finish it. I have a contact who claims she will find folding scales for me and she says they are still turning up in reasonable quantity. I am told that they are faking the label inserts. Is this true? Substitution of parts by cannibalization is probably fair, but fake labels is going too far.

My very kindest greetings for the holidays to all of you from Evelyn and myself.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

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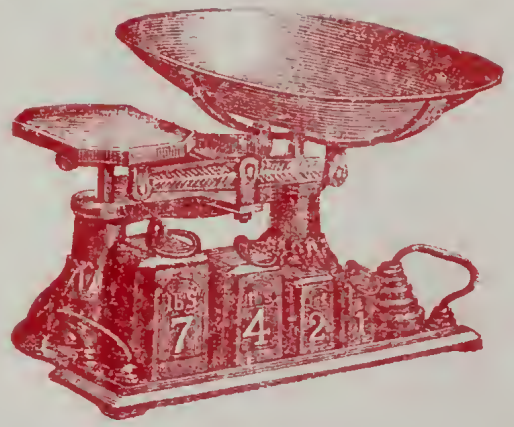

Dear Eric,

Its nice to hear from you, again, and to have your kind words about EQM.

I have repaired your latest scale, and will post it by Air Mail, tomorrow. (12th). The price for the repairs is $8 plus postage & insurance. I will subtract this amount from your account.

Regarding faked labels, all I can say is that I have not seen any, but I rarely get to London, and perhaps there are some there. I have heard no other reports about it. You did not tell me you want folding balances, for resale. I often have slightly restored folders, and occasionally come across perfect examples, which I could send to you. Prices range from $70 - $100+, depending upon the type. i.e. those with weights are more expensive. Let me know if they are of interest. (Repaired ones cheaper).

At the moment, my workshop is closed down and packed ready for moving house in January. So no activities in that line until next year. Then, we will be running a full-time repair service.

Thanks for the offer of scale picture coins. My others are packed, also so cannot tell if they are duplicates, just now.

Regards Michael.

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Vice President of ISASC Editor of Equilibrium

Best wishes for Christmas / New Year.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

January 23, 1984

Mr. Michael A. Crawforth
31, Park Lea,
Sunderland
SR3 3TA
ENGLAND

Dear Michael:

Thank you for repairing my new folding scale. I purchased it for £25. I also bought a pocket balance made by John Smart of London in a lovely wood box with Wm. III coin weights. I added a Harrison rocker on a wood base screwed into a shagreen covered box. Thus, my collection grows slowly. I do not resell but try to help other collectors find nice coin scale items.

You asked me if I have an interest in other scales and the answer is yes. I have a brass boxed scale something like figure 10 in your book, but do not have a brass-boxed regular folding scale. I do not have an oval sharkskin boxed scale. I have only a couple of scales with separate weights. I am glad to buy anything interesting at reasonable prices and and glad to see you profit on it. So let me know what you find and tell me what picture in your book is closest. I prefer those with the maker's name and all labels.

I enclose checks for £14, £7.83, £7.17 and £88.80 to add to my account.

It might be time consuming and difficult to move, but I am sure Dianne and you will accomplish it with efficiency. You will find all the things you have misplaced over the years. You will throw out things you have saved for years. You will for a long time be repairing, adapting, creating and beautifying your new home.

I hope to see you in Chicago when you come for that meeting.

Our best to you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encls.

Dear Eric,

I finally got round to sending the cheque you requested.

I hear the Chicago Convention went well. We didn't manage to get there, did you?

Regards,

Michael

M A CRAWFORTH

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 13, 1984

Mr. Michael A. Crawforth

[redacted]

Dear Michael:

I was delighted to learn of the details of your new position because when a vocation and an avocation are identical, so much happiness results. Evelyn and I wish you every success in your new position.

I presume that you received my letter of January 23, 1984 which was sent to Sunderland with some checks in it. We now enclose checks for £10.69 and £17.09 to add to our account.

Evelyn and I plan to come to the May convention in Chicago and look forward to seeing you and Dianne. It ought to be an enthusiastic and pleasuresome event.

Perhaps you could bring a couple of items for me to Chicago, either of the type I mentioned to you in my January 23, 1984 letter, or something else.

If there is anything you want me to do prior to the meeting, please let me know and I will be glad to cooperate.

Our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

Dear Eric,

Yes, I did receive the previous 3 cheques, and the recent 2 cheques. The balance now stands at £124 – 38.

I am up to my eyebrows in the new job, exciting but exhausting. Much redecoration & alterations to new house. Result exhausted – no time for the luxury of correspondence!

Regret I have had to cancel visit to Chicago Convention.

Regards Michael

M.A. CRAWFORTH

[redacted]

Vice-Chairman of ISASC: Editor of Equilibrium

errington, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, SR3 3TA, England.

The Secretary
I. B. S. C. C.
P.O.Box 4QN
LONDON W1A 4QN

I wish to subscribe to the Bulletin on Counterfeits and the Counterfeit Reports for the year 1984 and my remittance for £40 sterling (or equivalent) is enclosed herewith.

Name (Block Capitals please) ERIC P. NEWMAN
Address 6450 CECIL AVE., ST. LOUIS, MO
Postcode 63105 Country U.S.A

Signed Eric P Newman

Date 11 April 1984

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

April 14, 1984

Mr. Michael A. Crawforth

[redacted]

Dear Michael:

Evelyn and I are most disappointed that we will not see you at the Chicago convention. That was one of the main reasons we were going.

We realize it is essential for you to put everything in order after an extensive change in living and know you will have everything under control forthwith.

Would you be nice enough to send £40, along with the enclosed form to the counterfeit organization in London. I will be appreciative.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

Mr. Michael A. Crawford

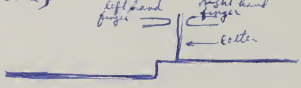
[redacted]

18 March 1985
6450 Cecil Ave
St Louis Mo 63105
U.S.A.

Dear Michael:

In your last Equilibrium you asked for further data on American coin scales and that stimulated me to write you after a long quiescence. I have been gathering on occasional coin scale and coin changer but not in the quantity I needed to divert me from other coin research.

As to the Berman Manufacturing Company, New York Gold and Silver Counterfeit Coin Detector patented Feb. 27, 1877 I have some observations to make. You illustrated the type with the postal scale markings. There are 8 crosswise slots so that the thickness and diameter on a drop through basis. These are uniformly spaced as they do not relate to weight. The eight horizontal slots are the same thickness, but are shorter in length so that the coin will stand vertically in the appropriate position. To have separate slots for these two functions (size and weight) is unusual, I believe, and might be pointed out. The first type contains no postal scale markings whatsoever as that was an afterthought. The postal scale markings are on the second type and contain ½oz, 1oz and 2oz crosswise markings as you show. The question I raise is how such markings were used to weigh a letter. I conclude that the letter had to be stood up on end vertically and placed crosswise on the marking selector. To hold it in that position to see if it tilted the rocker I can only conclude that it was finger supported,



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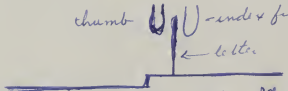

When it tilted the rocker it was in excess of the marked weight. It was therefore advanced from the lower weight marking or markings until the tilt occurred or vice versa until it didn't tilt. I was quite amused to note the simplicity and crudeness of this adaptation. If you need a picture or drawing of the first type I can send it.

The J. A. Thompson The U.S. Government Counterfeit Coin Detector which you illustrated also has curiosities. I have an original box and enclose the text from inside and outside the box. My example has stamped upon it PAT. APL. 3.77 which means April not applied perhaps. Under that is IMPROVED JAN. 5, 78. Below that on the other side of the strengthening rib is in a curved line PAT. FEB. 24, 80. Perhaps George Mallis can check this out and he may have other varieties before the 1880 patent or before the 1878 improvement. I am sending him a copy of this letter. Another curiosity of the Thompson rocker is that it has four legs so that it has two fulcrum positions depending on whether the coin being tested is on the right side ($20, $10 gold; $1.00 50¢ silver) or on the left side ($5, $2.50, $1 gold; 25¢, 10¢ silver). That is an unusual scheme. The next surprise in the Thompson rocker is the truncated wedge shaped slots.

or . The picture on the box shows the strange shape. The only possible advantage I can guess is that it is easier to drop the coin into the slot by inserting near the wide end of the slot. This helps those who cannot see well or have narrow fingers. Perhaps it makes speedier insertion. If it is too thick it will be in the wrong position and not hit the rocker unless it is greater specific gravity (lead for a silver coin) than a genuine piece. Perhaps reading the patents will help.

Lastly I have located a few interesting advertisements for coin detectors which I enclose for your use if you desire. I should be able to find many more by checking the bank note counterfeit detectors and magazines in other libraries than mine. A paper money detector or coin chart manual should be the ideal place for coin detectors.

My congratulations in keep the Equilibrium so interesting and so accurate. I hope your other work is very satisfying to you and that your collection is still growing. I was in England in December but could not arrange enough time to see you as we were on our way to Turkey.

My very best to your family in which Evelyn joins me.

Cordially,

Eric P Newman

Michael Cranforth

18 Mar 1985

Dear Michael:

I hope my bank account with you is still there but I have not heard from you as to anything which you might buy for me. I still have no shagskin oval coin box for a guinea scale. I could use a German made California gold miner's scale, or anything else which seems interesting.

I am enclosing additional checks to deposit to my account.

Please send a check for £75 to

Peter Wolf 38 Brockley Avenue
Stanmore
Middlesex HA7 4LT

and say it is from me.

Thanks for anything you do.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman.

P.S. I presume in April 1984 you sent £40 for me to the Anti Bureau for Suppression of Counterfeit Coins in London. I have never received any bulletins from them.

Jaeger	£ 20.60
Fisher	27.84
Bourbery	37.93
	£ 86.37

ISASC

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

25 Mar '85

Dear Eric,

Many thanks for the fantastic CCD adverts – they are most welcome and will greatly help with the series of articles.

I had no idea that the Berrian could be used for weighing letters. Mine has no ounce marks – and I can't see any in the EQM illustration you mention, p754, although you say they are there. Please can you send me a picture of the type which has ounce marks? I will certainly mention this in the article.

I would like to take up your kind offer to search for more coin detector advertisements, so if you find any please send them as soon as possible. I am also badly in need of good quality photographs of the rarer CCDs. If you know where I might obtain some, please let me know. The enclosed list shows all the patents I know about, and I have marked them A & P, to show that I already have an advert. or a photo. Obviously, it is those not marked for which I need illustrations.

Regarding your payment last year to IBSCC, you caught me at a very bad time, having just moved and started a new job. However, the cheque was sent on 1st June, cheque No 030180, and it was cleared by my bank around 23 July 84. So, I'll leave you to chase up the missing bulletins. I have sent this year's cheque straight off, today, so your account now stands at £244.19.

We have had no luck trying to find money changers, but we do occasionally see coin scales, and I have a couple of duplicates for sale or exchange – see enclosed photo (sorry its the usual Polaroid rubbish). The oval japanned set has a swan-neck beam, copper pans, pink silk lid lining and green baize in the box. The weights are brass knobbed, 5.3 and 2.16, both stamped with a lion. The silk is a little

M.A. Crawforth [redacted]

hded, but the japanning and all other parts are in good condition. The price is £40

The 'shagreen' set has very nice black sharkskin, brass hooks, dark green silk and velvet linings. The beam is a nicely-made box-end type with decorative 'barrels' at centre arm and wrist; brass pans, two square weight pans; two flat round brass weights marked 5 lb 8 ewer and 2 lb 16 crown - not a matching pair but similar. The silk has some dark patches on it and the beam is clean but slightly pitted in places. Price £90.

If you would like these scales, let me know and I will send them to you and deduct the money from your account. You can always return them if they are not to your liking. I expect you know that finding the oval type with japanning in good condition, is very difficult, and fishskin boxes are usually warped and/or coming apart at the joints. Those two I have are not suffering in this way.

Thanks again for your kind help.

Michael

SUMMARY OF PATENTS FOR

COIN SCALE & COUNTERFEIT COIN DETECTORS

NO.	TITLE	INVENTOR	NO.	DATE
1 .	Coin Scale & Detectors	H.G. Robinson	9,844	July 12,1853
2 .	Coin Tester	G.B. Smith	9,997	Sept. 6,1853
3 .	Coin Tester	J. Allender	13,840	Nov. 27,1855 PA
4 .	Coin Tester	H. Maranville	16,390	Jan. 13,1857 P
5 .	Counterfeit Coin Detector	F.J. Herper	18,973	Dec. 29,1857 P
6 .	Coin Detector	H. Maranville	27,140	Feb. 14,1860
7 .	Counterfeit Coin Detector	W. Painter	35,834	July 8,1862
8 .	Coin & Letter Scale	D. Cummings,Jr.	39,890	Sept.15,1863
9 .	Coin Counters	A. Bernstein	183,833	Oct. 31,1876
10.	Detectors of Counterfeit Coins	J.A. Thompson	187,936	Feb. 27,1877 AP
11.	Device for Detecting Counterfeit Coin	T.J. Towsey	187,938	Feb. 27,1877
12.	Coin Tester	G.M. Hopkins	188,637	Mar. 20,1877
13.	Counterfeit Coin Detector	J. Wiarda	188,712	Mar. 20,1877
14.	Counterfeit Coin Detector	J.W. Sutton	188,982	Mar. 27,1877
15.	Counterfeit Coin Detector	J.A. Thompson	189,284	Apr. 3,1877
16.	Coin Detector	P. Doherty	192,241	June 18,1877 A
17.	Counterfeit Coin Detector	E. Kronenberg	195,451	Sept.25,1877
18.	Counterfeit Coin Detector	W.H. Rice	196,168	Oct. 16,1877
19.	Device for Detecting Counterfeit Coin	A.J. Baker & J.W. Simonton	202,691	Apr. 23,1878
20.	Postal Scale and Counterfeit Coin Detector	H. Maranville	203,057	Apr. 30,1878 PA
21.	Counterfeit Coin Detector	S.A. Field	203,719	May 14,1878
22.	Coin Tester	E. Lueders	205,492	July 2,1878
23.	Counterfeit Coin Detector	E. Street	209,145	Oct. 22,1878
24.	Combined Scale & Coin Tester	G. Hoag	216,184	June 3,1879
25.	Counterfeit Coin Detector	J.A. Thompson	224,807	Feb. 24,1880 A
26.	Scale	J.T. McNally	??	AP
26a		W.H. Harrison	12,795	Feb. 28,1882
27.	Counterfeit Coin Detector	J.B. Atwater	264,431	Sept.19,1882
28.	Coin Tester	M. Clarke	273,667	Mar. 6,1883

G. SMITH & J.T. WELLS 259,338 JUNE 13 1882

29. Coin Detector	E. Bachman	285,204	Sept. 18, 1883	
30. Combined Letter Scale & Coin Tester	E.C. Purnelle	292,763	Jan. 29, 1884	
31. Coin & Letter Scale	C. Richtmann	295,809	Mar. 25, 1884	
32. Coin Counter & Tester	W.W. Haas	314,330	Mar. 24, 1885	
33. Letter Scale & Coin Tester	E. Knight	388,138	Aug. 21, 1888	
34. Combined Pencil Holder, Eraser & Coin Tester	R.W. Riess	549,534	Nov. 12, 1895	
35. Coin Detector	T.I. Porter	645,185	Mar. 13, 1900	
36. Spurious Coin Detector	L. Bragin	1,531,642	Mar. 31, 1925	P
37. Count Checking Device For Packaged Coins	F.E. Finch	1,903,621	Apr. 11, 1933	
38. Coin Tester	W.H. Parnell	2,350,414	June 6, 1944	

Compiled by: A. George Mallis

A = HAVE ADVERT P = HAVE PHOTO

As you can see, I need many more to make a good article series

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

11 April 85

M. A. Crawforth

[redacted]

Dear Michael:

Thank you for your nice letter of 25 Mar 1985.

The idea of a postal scale use of the Berrian must have been an afterthought as the first ones were made without it. The extra markings are near the fulcrum and are ½ oz, 1 oz and 2 oz. They are merely lines part way across the scale and are nickel plated as the other slots and marks. I will ask Don Koehler to send you a photo as mine is locked in a case in my museum and takes bank account guards etc to take it out. You are right that the postal markings do not show in the advertising.

I have all three types of Maranville so if you need a picture of any please advise. slide type, shell type and the dial type.

I have searched for more advertising but hope to look in Bankers Magazine, published in New York

The missing counterfeit bulletin matter cleared up. they were not published and the subscription was extended as they now have a new issue out.

A friend has just bought me in Scotland a Cox pub till in mahogany. I have not seen this type before. A picture is enclosed

I am unhappy that the weights do not match in the shagreen scale but send both the japanned scale and the shagreen scale. I hope I like them, but maybe I'll return one or both if necessary but I doubt it.

We think of you often and hope all of you are happy in your new surroundings.

Cordially

Eric

ISASC

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

25 June '85

Dear Eric,

As usual, time flies by at supersonic speed and I've only just found time to pack your scales. They were sent by air-mail yesterday ~ I hope you like them.

Thanks for the offer of photographs of Marsville's CCDs. I have photos of two of them, but I would very much like the third. Please could you send a good quality photo of the "Shell-type" ~ thanks.

Have you found any more adverts for CCDs, or any other material which would enhance the series? I am publishing your fascinating details of postal facilities on the Berriman CCD, in 'Letters'.

We don't see unusual or very rare coin scales any more, but if you want nice examples of the more ordinary coin scales let me know and I will keep a look-out.

Best wishes,

Michael

M.A. Crawforth

Vice-President of ISASC: Editor of Equilibrium

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Michael A Crawforth

[redacted]

23 Sept 1985

Dear Michael

I tried to get a picture of my Berrian scale with the postal markings on it but it is shiny and bright and there is no contrast. I will appreciate any suggestion as to how to get a picture if you still need it.

I presume you did not send the two scales you talked about sending as I have received nothing.

I enclose a Harrods check for £7.33 to add to my account.

I read your continual contributions to scale knowledge and truly appreciate the research and devotion to the field which you and Diana make. I have devoted most of my time to writing in the numismatic field and just received my 50th year medal for membership in the American Numismatic Association.

Naturally if some item comes your way which you think I would like please give the opportunity as that is what the fund is to be used for.

Evelyn joins me in sending you our best and hope that you and the family are prospering and happy.

Cordially

ISASC

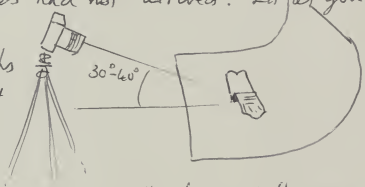
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

27 Sept '85

Dear Eric,

I was greatly dismayed to receive your letter about the non-arrival of the scales so long after telling you that the package was posted by Air Mail on 24 June – see my letter dated 25 June. I immediately instituted search / claim proceedings with the Post Office (the package was insured) and I hope to get repayment of the £40 + £75. However, I believe there is a time limit on making a claim, so it may easily be too late. I do wish you had let me know earlier that the scales had not arrived. I'll let you know the outcome.

Regarding the Photographs of the Berrian CCD, I find it works well if you place the CCD on a piece of gray paper (22" x 26" = Half imperial size) and curve the back of the paper up in a gentle arc until the whole of the shiny top surface of the scale evenly reflects the gray paper when viewed from a camera angle of about 30°–40° from horizontal. Do this in a well lit room by daylight, but not in direct sun. You should find that the top surface of the scale is evenly illuminated without intense shiny areas, and if you move the camera up and down a bit, you should find a position where all the figures and lines are clearly visible. Curving the paper, as shown, helps to reduce shadows, too.



In my letter of 25th June, I also asked to take up your kind offer to send photographs of the "Stall-type" Marantte to use in EQM. I need this very soon, so if you can do it quickly, I would be most grateful.

Regards,

Michael

Vice-President of ISASC: Editor of Equilibrium

M.A. Crawforth [redacted]

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

October 10, 1985

Mr. Michael Crawforth
[redacted]

Dear Michael:

In view of the urgency of the request in your letter of 27 September 1985, I undertook to make pictures myself of the Berrian Detector which also had the postal markings on it. I believe I explained to you in a prior letter how I thought these were used.

I have also taken pictures of the Maranville shell type and hope these will serve your purpose.

I hope you are successful in recovering the package you mailed on 24 June 1985 or in recovering the money for which it was insured. Sometimes these take months to deliver and, for that reason, I did not know how long to wait. Our postal system is having terrible problems because of the competition of private package carriers.

Evelyn joins me in sending all of you our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS AND INQUIRIES OFFICE

C-32

CASE NO:

DATE: 12/12/85

SUBJECT: Inquiry About Receipt of International Mail

Sent back 12/12/85

TO:

Mr. E. Newman

6450 Cecil Ave.

St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Customer:

An inquiry has been received from a foreign postal administration concerning the delivery of the following piece of mail addressed to you:

☐ Letter ☐ Registered No. _____ Date Mailed: 6/24/85

☒ Parcel ☐ Insured No. 521135 Contents: Money Scales

☐ Other Article ☐ Ordinary

Sender: Mr. M. S. Crowforth

[redacted]

In order to respond to this inquiry, we must know whether you received this mail. Please complete the reply section below, sign, and return this letter to us immediately. An official window envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for this purpose.

Thank you,

JOSEPH V. PENNINGTON, Supv.,
Claims, Inquiry and
Undeliverable Mails
Room 1015 Main Post Office
St Louis Mo 63155-9531

CUSTOMER REPLY:

☐ This mail was received. It was received on or about _____ (date).

☒ This mail was not received.

Signature: Eric P. Newman

Name of Firm (if applicable): _____

RETURN TO:

The items were coin scales purchased from the sender. They were not received. The sender is a reliable person and has been known to me for many years.

Telephone 314 727 0850
314 331 6540

Eric P Newman

Form 1981 1572

☆ U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1982—354-087/4279

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

4 Jan '86

Dear Eric,

Thanks for rushing the photos to me. The P.O. reluctantly accepted my claim for the lost scales, but are still investigating. They have traced it to the USA, so the loss occurred in America, somewhere. No sign of them paying compensation.

Best Wishes for '86 Michael

M.A. Crawforth [redacted]

Vice-President of ISASC: Editor of Equilibrium Telephone: Kidlington (08675) 2170

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

[redacted] 6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

31 Jan 1986

Michael A. Crawforth

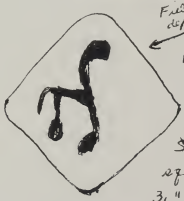
[redacted]

Dear Michael:

The best news is that Evelyn + I are planning to come to Washington for the ISASC convention and that you and Diana will be there.

The postal department contacted me on the lost scales and I filled out the necessary papers 2 months ago. They investigate very slowly. You can inquire at your end as to the progress. Last wrote me they were lost over here.

I have just acquired a box scale with two fine balancing. The pans are brass. They each have in the center a maker's mark which I am sketching as best I can. There is a printed paper table of coin values inside the top which converts such values into New York and Pennsylvania money and into sterling. This means it is after independence (1776) and before the establishment of dollars as a unit of value for United States that would be 1781 to 1795 more or less. On the top of the box are initials of the owner in ink and the date 1782 in ink. I therefore feel the date is accurate. The maker of the scales could be American, English or other European. Would you be able to give the date and maker from the marks. I would be appreciative.



Please keep up your fine work for Equilibrium which on the scale of things is a real 10.

Our best

Eric

ISASC

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

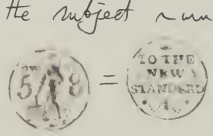
16 March '86

Dear Eric,

About six weeks ago, I was told by the Post Office that the USA Post office claim they found your parcel of scales and delivered them to you! Two weeks later your letter arrived, making it clear that you had not received them. I immediately complained to the Post Office, but still no news. As you say, things move exceedingly slowly. In the meantime I am many pounds out of pocket. I feel like increasing my claim, at compound bank interest, for what I have lost in potential investment. If I had lost something for the GPO, they would surely charge me!

Your new scales with the animal mark in the pans is unlikely to be English ~ our makers very rarely used master-signs in the 18th c and I don't know of any with an animal mark. I have checked all my continental reference books for the mark, but have found nothing remotely like it. Why don't you bring it to Washington ~ I would like to see an example of the US money table, and I might recognise the style/construction of the box or scales.

Thanks for your continued praise of BQM ~ I try. I think you'll like Norman Biggs's series on coin weights for coins in England. It throws fresh light and new evidence into the subject ~ much needed.



← My latest coin weight has figure of Justice with sword & scales ~ never seen one before.

See you at Washington, Regards,

Michael.

Vice-President of ISASC: Editor of Equilibrium

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 18, 1987

Mr. Michael A. Crawforth

[redacted]

Dear Michael:

Evelyn and I still remember the delightful time we all had together in Washington, D. C., and want you to realize how pleasant you make it for the members of the Society. There were so many people there, we did not get much chance to talk to you and Dianne for a sufficient time.

I presume that it is too complex for you to offer coin scales to me after our miserable episode with the mail. Perhaps also you did not have time to deal in the scales.

I presume you have collected the money from the postal insurance and that you have been keeping for yourself the interest on the deposit which I have with you. I would appreciate if you would mail to the International Bureau for the Suppression of Counterfeit Coins a check for £15, along with the enclosed subscription blank.

If you want to send me a check in £s for the balance of the account, perhaps that is the simplest way to dispose of it.

You can always count on me to be helpful to you wherever I can and I hope that you are enjoying your work and prospering.

Evelyn joins me in send you and Dianne our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Looking forward to seeing you at Washington.

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

Dear Eric, 14 Apr '86

The Post Office have finally agreed that the parcel of scales has been lost, and are prepared to pay compensation. They want proof of value. I have sent them an extract from a Malter catalogue showing very similar scales which went for £100 and £42 in 1980. My records show that we agreed a price of £70 and £40 for the shagreen box and oval japanned box respectively. Please would you confirm these values if the P.O. contact you. Thanks

Michael

M.A. Crawforth [redacted]

Vice-President of ISASC: Editor of Equilibrium Telephone: Kidlington (08675) 2170

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 10, 1988

Mrs. Diana Crawforth
[redacted]

Dear Diana:

Evelyn and I in the past months were busy planning and in due course leading a trip to England to raise money for the British National Trust. Our plan was to visit National Trust houses and to invite only those who gave a substantial amount of money to the National Trust. To make it different from routine trips to those houses, we arranged for royalty to entertain us for lunches and dinners at their estates. The expedition was a tremendous success and raised a lot of money. There was only one drawback and that was that we planned at the end of the trip to try to come to see you and Michael, but before we left we learned of Michael's death. We went to Cornwall for a holiday at the end of the trip.

We want to extend to you our deepest sympathy and we were privileged to know Michael and to know his ability and his kindliness.

We hope that you can readjust your life to continue your work and to take over some of his projects. We enclose a contribution in his memory.

Our very best regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

January 24, 1989

Ms. Diana Crawforth

[redacted]

Dear Diana:

Congratulations on your first issue of EQUILIBRIUM as Editor. We know you always had a hand in its preparation so the change is very natural.

I was very surprised to see the picture on the back cover of 1989 Issue No. 1. Since I could not attend the Boston meeting last year, I did not see the Harvard Collection. Is the small Howard & Davis scale at Harvard or elsewhere, as your text does not make that clear. Is the illustration a photograph or otherwise? Where is the scale? What is its legend?

In my museum in St. Louis I have this scale with the engraved legend U. S. Gold Standard Balance, E. Howard & Co. Makers, Boston, Mass. It is on a marble base, otherwise exactly like your illustration. It is slightly different from all others known.

Secretly bought gold tool

About 5 years ago a similar one of these was listed in an auction catalog in California as part of the Clifford Collection and it was mysteriously withdrawn before the sale and sold to someone privately.

I have now found others

I have in my collection some copper and brass American gold coin weights marked $2.50, $5, $10, $20, $30 and $50. I am told they are unique as no American coin weights are otherwise recorded. This type of weight was and is routine for English coins, but apparently this practice was not adopted in America because of a variety of special fulcrum coin balances being available. I might have written Michael about this but if you want to publish mine, I'll send exact text, pictures and data.

Evelyn joins me in wishing you our best.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

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15.5.90.

Dear Eric,

I want to thank you again for your excellent lecture, with its many surprises. I was so excited to see "new" solutions to the same problems. It was superb.

And your photography was first-class, clear, well-lit and attractive. I was most impressed. I know so well how hard it is to get such results.

Do get in touch with Eugene Mahoney. I am convinced that he is the man to help you with your research. He loves to be the first to discover things, and he is most interested in the 1740 — 1840 period, so he'll enjoy an excuse to study that period. He likes to be appreciated, and I'm sure you'll find a way to tell him that you do — if you do, after he's done the work!!

I look forward to publishing your lecture in EQM very soon, with references back to the previous articles on American coin detectors.

With best wishes Diana